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MEDIA BUREAU RECEIVES REQUEST BY ANALOG TELEVISION STATION IN THE LOWER 700 MHZ BAND TO CEASE ANALOG BROADCASTING, SURRENDER NTSC LICENSE, AND OPERATE AS A SINGLE CHANNEL, DIGITAL-ONLY TELEVISION STATION

In its Report and Order in GN Docket No. 01-74, the Commission reallocated the 598-746 MHz Spectrum Band from use by television broadcasters to new uses on a flexible basis.¹ The Commission also stated that it would consider requests by incumbent broadcasters on Channels 52-58, which are located within that Band, to voluntarily vacate their NTSC channels prior to the end of the DTV transition on a case-by-case basis.²

The Media Bureau has received a request from Trinity Broadcasting of New York, Inc., the licensee of analog television station WTBY-TV, NTSC Channel 54, and digital television station WTBY-DT, DTV Channel 27, Poughkeepsie, New York, for Commission authority to: (i) cease analog broadcasting on NTSC Channel 54 and surrender its license for the channel prior to the end of the DTV transition; and (ii) thereafter operate WTBY-DT as a single channel, digital-only television station on DTV Channel 27. QUALCOMM Incorporated, which holds licenses for Channel 55 spectrum, supports this request, stating that approval would allow QUALCOMM's wholly-owned subsidiary, MediaFLO USA, Inc., to expand its "mediacast" service coverage in the New York market without having to protect WTBY-TV on adjacent channel 54. This request is available for inspection at the Commission's Reference Center, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, and may also be accessed on the FCC's website at www.fcc.gov/mb/video/tv.html. For further information, contact Joyce Bernstein of the Media Bureau, Video Division at (202) 418-1647 or joyce.bernstein@fcc.gov.

By: Chief, Media Bureau

¹ See Reallocation and Service Rules for the 698-746 MHz Spectrum Band (Television Channels 52-59), GN Docket No. 01-74, Report and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 1022 (2002).

² *Id.* at 1095-96.

³ Facility ID No. 67993.

⁴ See Lower 700 MHz Band Auction Closes, DA 03-1978, Public Notice (released June 18, 2003)